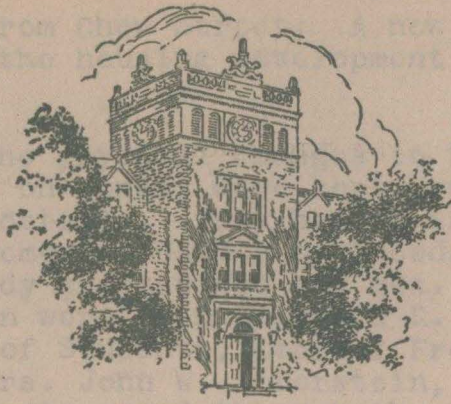


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Dear Mules:

This week at Muhlenberg seems to reflect world conditions. Things certainly are hectic all over this little globe of ours-- maritime strikes, truckers strikes, meat shortages, Henry Wallace scrapping with Jimmy Burns, trouble abroad and at home, and here at Muhlenberg, we are experiencing the first onslaught of students for the new fall term. Approximately five hundred first year students came on the campus on Monday and Tuesday of this week to get squared away on schedules, take placement tests, register, arrange for living accommodations, take part in the matriculation ceremony, and do all the hundred and one things necessary to college entrance.

To make it all a bit more hectic, there is an augmented staff of carpenters, painters, plasterers, laborers and other artisans who are feverishly trying to beat the clock in order to have all the improvements completed by the opening of College next Monday morning. We (the Alumni Office and the Public Relations Office) moved the latter part of last week to our new quarters in the old reception room, across the hall from the Treasurer's Office. As yet our walls are not painted, the glass partitions near the ceiling are yet to be installed, but we are open for business and operating at full speed. The alterations in the main office are still underway, with offices being prepared for Dean Mercer, Dean Kendig, Vice President Horn, Business Manager Keiter and Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Hartzell. All these will be located in the large office to the East of the Ad Building.

The basement of the Ad Building has not changed very much except for the improvements in Kenny Konrad's Klassy Kollege Emporium, where the inimitable Kenny has labored long and diligently during the summer months to improve his facilities for serving the hungry Mules. Kenny has made numerous changes and assured me personally, the other day, that service would be worse (pardon) better than ever.

Upstairs in the Ad Building, new offices have been created for heads of the various departments by partitioning off a section of the classrooms.

The Library is having a face-lifting job done to the walls of the main reading room. A corps of painters are making life miserable for Librarian John Davidson and his augmented staff but, when finished, the walls will be a restful shade of blue with contrasting decorations. Additional class rooms are being prepared and the Art Gallery is ready for students who will study under newly returned, Professor George Hickey. Incidentally, George was hit by a woman driver while in New York City this past week end, tossed some twenty feet across the street, but apparently his days as a boxer stood him in good stead for he suffered only bruises. He went to the hospital for X-rays but, according to last reports, was in good shape.

East Hall and West Hall dormitories are receiving their usual summer reconditioning and are reported ready for occupancy. The new barracks across the street from the campus are gradually assuming proper proportions and will be ready for occupancy soon. Material is being unloaded for the other housing unit which will be located in back of the grove from 23rd Street, west and this unit is planned for occupancy by the end of November.

I think I told you in my previous letters about the renovations to the back campus, but in case you missed that letter, here's a rough picture of the changes. No more auto traffic through from Gordon Street--that former roadway is now a walk and all traffic

into the parking lot from Chew Street. A new parking lot has also been provided east of the housing development on the other side of Chew Street.

So much for the physical changes to the plant. The Freshmen who came on the campus on Monday were kept busy all week with tests, ceremonies, and other details. They had their informal reception in the Florence D. Butz Memorial Garden on Tuesday evening when President Tyson and our First Lady greeted the new men. In the receiving line with Dr. and Mrs. Tyson were Dean Sherwood R. Mercer, Dean of Faculty, Perry F. Kendig, Dean of Students, Dean of Freshmen and Mrs. Harry A. Benfer, Chaplain and Mrs. John W. Doberstein, and other members of the faculty. The new students moved through the line, enjoyed ice cream, cokes and pretzels and had a good time bragging about their high school days and their service experiences.

Wednesday morning the first assembly of the new students was held in the Gideon F. Egner Memorial Chapel. Dean of Freshmen H.A. Benfer presided and the service was conducted by Chaplain John W. Loberstein. Dr. Tyson welcomed the new men and Dean Mercer also extended greetings from the faculty and staff. The matriculation ceremony was conducted by Attorney Henry V. Scheirer '29, who recently returned as Field Director for the American Red Cross. The men then filed up to the front of the Chapel and signed the sheets which make them an integral part of the Muhlenberg family. The rest of the week was taken up with physical examinations under Dr. Thomas H. Weaver, Jr., director of the college's new division of student health, personnel tests given under the direction of Dr. Carl W. Boyer, Professor of Education who has returned to the campus after three years of military service, placement tests in mathematics and languages and held conferences with faculty members to complete their schedules and outline their work for the year.

The official opening of college will take place next Monday morning in the College Grove when President Tyson will formally open the new academic year. Classes will begin on Tuesday at (yes, they still have them) 8 A.M. and the boys will buckle down and hit the books in real Muhlenberg fashion.

One of the added attractions in Allentown this week is the GREAT ALLENTOWN FAIR. Hardly a man has passed through Muhlenberg without being in attendance at one of these great exhibitions. This year's fair is, according to the experts, greater than ever, and the crowds that have thronged to the grounds at 17th and Chew Streets, will probably eclipse all previous records. No, no one has seen "Stella" although Bud Tambllyn's little man is still looking for her.

Head Coach Floyd "Ben" Schwartzwalder just walked into the office and I asked him for some information "right off the griddle" about the team this year. Here, in substance, are his comments. The boys are green but, as the season progresses, should show a tremendous improvement. One thing sure, our boys are willing to go right in there and block, and we will not be outfought by any team we face this year. "Ben" has the boys working hard every day, with activities scheduled for them from 7:45 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and they really like it. We can give you some more dope after they face their first test of the season, Lafayette, on September 28th at Easton. If you are in the neighborhood, drop around and see the Mules in action. Speaking of football, this morning's Call carried the news, in the "Inside Stuff" column, that PETE GORGONE '43 is now Number One Quarterback for the New York Giants of the National Professional League. All of you who know Pete will rejoice in his success and will be eagerly looking for his name in the sports sections of newspapers all over the country.

JOSEPH L. TRYON V45 is out of the Navy and back home in Minnesota, planning to attend the University of Minnesota this fall.

DR. ALFRED H. SMITH '35 has opened a practice at Springfield Gardens, N.Y. after being separated from the Navy. Al expects to see the Mules in action in some of their games this season.

If this letter seems rather hectic, blame it on the condition of things here on the campus. I have been constantly interrupted in writing and with Kitty standing at my elbow crying "Copy" I have had to pick-hunt-miss-and-cuss my way through this without too much time for proofreading. That's all for now, gang, and so long until next time.

As ever,

